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SUBJECT: YUN PIL-YONG RELEASED

1. MAG GENERAL YUN PIL-YONG, FORMER COMMANDER CAPITAL DEFENSE COMMAND, WAS RELEASED FROM ANYANG PRISON FEBRUARY 24, AFTER SERVING LESS THAN TWO OF FIFTEEN YEAR SENTENCE (LATER REDUCED TO 12) FOR VARIETY OF EMBEZZLEMENT, BRIBERY AND OTHER CHARGES. ACCORDING MEDIA ACCOUNTS ON FEBRUARY 26, YUN WHOSE ORIGINAL SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED BY ORK ARMY GENERAL COURT MARTIAL APRIL 28, 1973, WAS RELEASED "BY SUSPENSION OF EXECUTION OF PENALTY." REASON BEING GIVEN FOR RELEASE IS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

2. COMMENT: ALLEGED CONFIDENTIAL REASON FOR YUN'S 1973 CELEBRATED COURT MARTIAL WAS THAT HE HAD FORMED ELITE HIGH-POWERED ORGANIZATION AMONG POWERFUL YOUNGER ARMY OFFICERS AND WAS PLANNING SOME TYPE OF INTERNAL COUP. MOST LIKELY REAL REASON WAS THAT HE HAD BECOME TOO MUCH OF A POWER WITHIN ARMY AND DESPITE LOYALTY TO PARK WAS CONSIDERED BY PRESIDENT AS POTENTIAL RIVAL.

3. YUN'S RELEASE, WHICH FOLLOWS QUIET RELEASE OF HIS SUBORDINATES SOME MONTHS AGO, IS CONSISTENT WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESIDENT'S PAST PRACTICE OF GRANTING REPRIEVE TO

POTENTIAL RIVALS WHO HAVE BEEN PUT IN COLD STORAGE
OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER.
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